

State Of Hawaii
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Division of State Parks
Honolulu, Hawaii

January 11, 2008

Board of Land and Natural Resources
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii

SUBJECT: Request from The Big Island Body Surfing Association and the Honolulu Body Surfing Club for Use of a Portion of the Hapuna Beach State Recreation Area for a Body Surfing Contest _____.

By letter dated November 15, 2007 (Exhibit A), Ms. Leona N. Roberts, on behalf of the Big Island Body Surfing Association and the Honolulu Body Surfing Club, has requested the use of the south side of the Hapuna Beach State Recreation Area (Event Site) to hold the 11th Annual Big Island Body Surfing Championships on Saturday, February 23, 2008.

The applicants anticipate a field of 30-40 contestants with four to seven divisions.

There will be an entry fee for the contest as well as T-shirt and event related items for sale on the day of the Event.

The submittal was mailed to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. They responded that they “are pleased to support a community-oriented and non-profit event that promotes stewardship of our environment as well as the sharing of it through this contest” (Exhibit B).

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve the issuance of a special use permit to the Big Island Body Surfing Association and the Honolulu Body Surfing Club to hold a body surfing contest (Event) on February 23, 2008 at the Hapuna Beach State Recreation Area (Event Site) in accordance with the representations above-mentioned and subject to the following conditions whereby the Permittee shall:

1. be responsible for obtaining all applicable County of Hawaii and State of Hawaii permits including a water activities permit from the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR);
2. procure and maintain, at its own cost and expense, in full force and effect throughout the term of this special use permit, commercial general liability insurance, in an amount of at

least \$500,000.00 for each occurrence and \$1,000,000.00 aggregate, with an insurance company or companies licensed to do business in the State of Hawaii. The policy or

3. policies of insurance shall name the State of Hawaii as an additional insured. The insurance shall cover the entire Event area, including all grounds and all roadways or sidewalks on or adjacent to the Event area in the use or control of the Permittee;
4. waive any and all claims they may have against the State of Hawaii and its respective officers, agents and employees, and agrees to defend, hold harmless and indemnify the State of Hawaii and its respective officers, agents and employees from any suits, actions and claims arising out of and in any way connected with the activities permitted under the permit;
5. not obstruct or unreasonably interfere with the general public in their normal use of the Hapuna Beach State Recreation Area, which includes the beach area and pavilions;
6. be responsible for the clean-up of the Event Site, the spectator area and parking lot at the completion of the competition;
7. be responsible for the monitoring, cleaning and stocking (i.e. toilet paper, etc.) of the south restroom during the hours of the Event;
8. pay a rental fee of \$100.00 per day for the Event, any pre-event set up and/or post event breakdown and clean-up;
9. understand that alcoholic beverages are prohibited and shall provide for its enforcement;
10. comply with any other conditions that may be imposed by the Department, the Board of Land and Natural Resources, the Chairperson and/or rule revisions adopted prior to the commencement of the Event.

Respectfully submitted,



Daniel S. Quinn
State Parks Administrator

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:



LAURA H. THIELEN, Chairperson

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DIV OF STATE PARKS
HILO, HI

November 15, 2007.

Dear Mr. Taguchi and to whom it may concern,

We request permission to hold the 11Th Annual Big Island Body Surfing Championships at Hapuna Beach, surf permitting and our awards ceremony at the Hapuna Cabins on Saturday, February 23, ~~2007~~ 2008.

The event is hosted by Big Island Body Surfing Association, which is the Big Island Chapter of the Hawaii State Body Surfing Association, and sponsored by The Honolulu Bodysurfing Club who also offers protection for our events under their insurance policy.

Hapuna Beach is the initial location due to its ease of access, facilities, etc. We hope to have Waipio Valley, again, as the alternate location. Last year, the event was held in Waipio because, unfortunately, Hapuna was flat-as-a-lake with ankle-high waves.

Last year, due to the stipulation that no money was to be exchanged at the beach and the fact that nearly half of the entrants had not paid in advance, we would have been unable to comply. We respectfully request this stipulation be dropped.

Most surf tournaments have a holding period, but because our body surfing tournament is not sponsored by any commercial entity and holds no promise of moneymaking or cash prizes, this winter-tournament is held on one particular day only.

Generally, the contest begins around 7:30 am and is finished long before sunset.

Surf permitting, we hope to hold the contest either at the far-left, South end of Hapuna, on the beach, about 150 feet and 75 feet deep along the shore, or similar a area where the surf is best.

Everything we bring with us will be removed upon our departure, as we wish no adverse impacts on our beaches and oceans. We always make a special point to "clean-up" at and around the site, removing any trash we may find in order to have a positive impact.

Last year, 30 contestants participated and nearly an equal amount of spectators attended. These included family, friends and judges, totaling about 55 persons. We anticipate an equal or greater number this year.

EXHIBIT A

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There is an advance entry fee of \$30 per contestant which includes an event T-shirt and \$35 for beach entry, if collection of money is allowed at the event. We also hope to be able to sell event-related-items such as t-shirts, at the event.

To date, the event has never yielded any profit.

The event is open to all ages but competitors are generally over the age of 13, Divisions as follows: Junior Men: under 18. Young Men: 18 - 30. Men: 31 - 45 Senior Men: 46 and beyond. Junior Women: under 18. Young Women: 18 - 35. Women: 36 and beyond. There will also be an open and possibly a pure (no fins) division. These divisions are loosely set as when there are less than 3 contestants per division, the ages are clumped together into more-broader divisions, or the various contenders get placed into the open category, until everyone is accommodated.

Trophies and gifts donated by local merchants and individuals are awarded.

A release of liability, indemnifying various entities such as the State of Hawaii, DLNR, Big Island Body Surfing Association, HSBA, HBSA, etc, is included on the contest entry-form, which must be signed, by each entrant or their guardian.

There is no big fanfare about this tournament. It's a gathering of people, from our Hawaiian Islands and a few from abroad, who enjoy and excel at body surfing.

The Big Island Body Surfing Championships is held to bring body surfers together. It's about the Ohana o' ke Kai, the Aloha we have for Mother Ocean, our sport, our way of life.


No boards of any kind are used in body surfing. Fins worn on the feet are the only extraneous equipment that may be used.

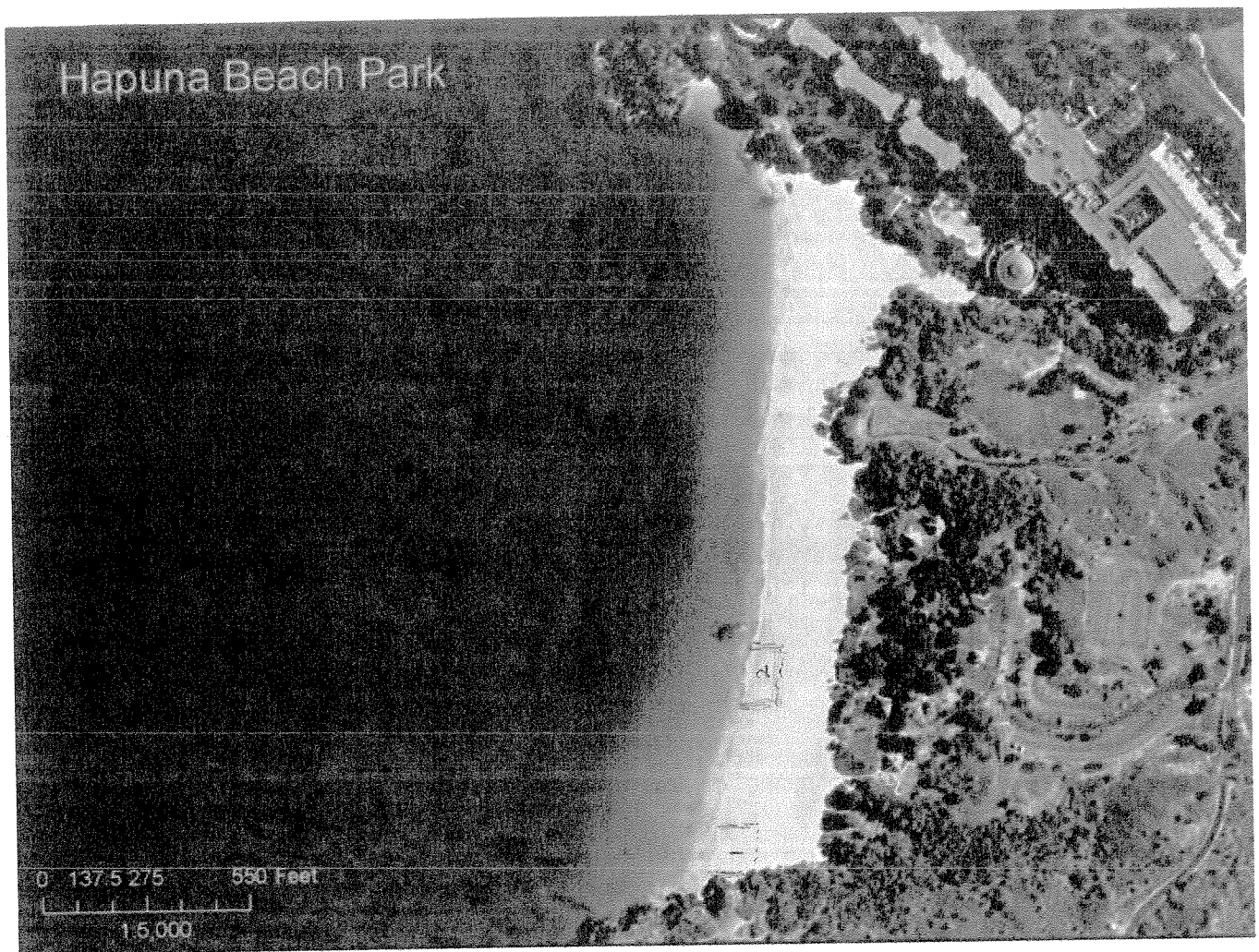
Body surfing is where surfing first began. It is the original, pure-unhampered-discipline of wave riding.

We are proud to be able to say that body surfers save many lives in and around the oceans of planet earth. This gathering is held to honor our traditions here on the Big Island.

Please instruct us. What must we do in order to hold our gathering at Hapuna Beach and awards dinner at the Hapuna Cabins Pavilion?

Our Ohana have rented all 6 cabins at the facility for February 23, 2007.

Sincerely, 
Leona N. Roberts
Big Island Bodysurfing Association
B.I. Chapter of Hawaii State Body Surfing Association
"Hopupu i ke kaha nalu"



Proposed locations for Big Island Body Surfing Championships
Surf permitting, approx 150 feet directly along shore
approx 75 ft. from high tide mark.



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DIV OF STATE PARKS
HILO, HI

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November 30, 2007

Glenn Taguchi, Superintendent
Department of Land and Natural Resources
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RE: Special Use Permit Application for 11th Annual Big Island Body Surfing Championship, Hapuna Beach State Recreation Area, Hapuna, Hawai'i.

Dear Mr. Taguchi,

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) is in receipt of your request for written comments regarding a Special Use Permit application for the 11th Annual Big Island Body Surfing Championship at Hapuna Beach State Recreation Area in Hapuna on Hawai'i. We have the following comments:

OHA notes that the applicant has stated they will not obstruct or unreasonably interfere with the general public in their normal use of the area, which alleviates a concern of ours.

Otherwise, OHA is pleased to note that the applicant states they will not only be responsible for the clean-up of the Event Site, but also usually remove any additional trash that they find in order to have a positive impact.

As such, we are pleased to support a community-oriented and non-profit event that promotes stewardship of our environment as well as the sharing of it through this contest.

Aloha and thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have any further questions or concerns please contact Grant Arnold at (808) 594-0263 or granta@oha.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Clyde W. Nāmu'o".

Clyde W. Nāmu'o
Administrator

EXHIBIT B

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